

## BEETLES OPPRESSORS TO HIS BILL BY 33 CITIES

Lawyers of Municipalities, He  
Says, Fail to Take State-  
Wide View.

"MAGNIFY OWN JOBS."

Plans to Delay Naming New  
P. S. Board So Old One  
Can Clean Slate.

By Joseph S. Jordan.

(Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)  
ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Gov. Miller is not at all dismayed by the objections of the Mayors, Mayor Hyman in particular, to his traction measure. The action of the Corporation Councils of thirty-three cities in the State has not swayed him from investing the proposed Rapid Transit Commission with the full powers suggested by him in his message and now contained in the bill which will have its hearing next Wednesday afternoon.

While he favors the amendment which prevents a fare increase until the final readjustment of transit conditions in New York City, he says that the bill should be so drawn, if it isn't, that the commission will not be perpetually prevented from exercising the power of raising fares.

When asked the direct question: "Suppose there should be no readjustment at all, would that mean that the fares would remain unchanged forever?" He said:

"That is an interesting point. I think the bill has been so drawn, at any rate it should be, that the failure to establish a plan should not perpetually prevent the exercise of that power."

Regarding the conference of Corporation Councils held here Thursday, the Governor declared that the lawyers of the municipalities were not looking at the subject "from the broad standpoint of the public good, irrespective of how the bill is to affect a given locality."

"That is precisely my view," he said. "I never knew—at least I do not now recall an instance—where a proposal, for example, to affect the jurisdiction of any public official, to lessen it, received that public official's strong indorsement. There is something rather human about the disposition of everybody to magnify his own importance. I think we all have that feeling, probably."

He said that there was nothing new in the opposition of the Mayors' Conference to the traction bill, that he knew their attitude toward similar bills when he presented his message, but that any suggestions they might have to make would undoubtedly receive the consideration to which they were entitled by the Legislature.

The Governor said, also, that it was his belief that this Rapid Transit Commission would continue to function in the event of any court action inaugurated by the Hyman administration, adding:

"Of course, I would think it very remarkable if any Judge would enjoin the preliminary work of any commission until it got down to the point that something was to be done that was illegal, or claimed to be illegal. For example, this bill provides for a method of procedure, the formulation of plan and the submission of plan to the city administration. The complaint is made of authority to act without the approval of the local administration. I should think it strange if any Judge would grant an injunction until it was determined that that was to be done non constat. The city administration might approve, you know, and so there would not be any question involved, and I should expect that in the usual administration of justice a court would want to find out what would happen."

Gov. Miller said that it was probable that an amendment might be added to the Traction Bill extending the time at which the State Public Service Commission would be appointed. This will be done so that the present Public Service Commission may have time to pass upon the telephone and other important cases before it. But this, he said, will not apply to the Transit Commission.

GOLDEN GLADES ROOF OPEN.

Great Gathering With Many Celebrities Present for Occasion.  
Several hundred men and women, socially and politically prominent, with a large number of screen and stage favorites were among the crowd at the opening of the New Golden Glades Road, 66th Street and Broadway, last evening.

The music for the dancing was by the Challenge Orchestra, conducted by A. Balderin, Sloan, composer of the "Greenwich Village Polka," which began an indefinite engagement at the Glades last night.

MAGISTRATE IS CONVICTED.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—Magistrate Byron E. Wrigley was yesterday found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and driving an automobile while intoxicated by a jury in Quarter Sessions Court. The charges against the City Magistrate grew out of the death of Mrs. Mary E. Breen, who was struck by the Magistrate's automobile last Oct. 28. Under the law he may be sentenced to three years in jail and a fine of not more than \$500, in addition to losing his position.

Following a motion for a new trial the case was set for hearing on March 4 at 10 a. m.

British Art Critic Dead.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Sir Frederic Wedmore, art critic, poet and short story writer, died yesterday at his home at Seven Oaks, County Kent. He was born in 1844. For more than thirty years he was chief art critic of the Daily Standard and was a contributor to many other papers.

## MILLER GETTING PET BILLS THROUGH EARLY IN SESSION

Legislators Rush Administration  
Measures and Break  
Precedents.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 25.—With a very busy week ahead of the legislators it has developed that more speed has been shown by the present body of solons than in any Legislature for many years past. The present week closes with most of the Administration measures introduced and with some of them well on their way to the executive office.

Several of the bills he has advocated will be in his hands before the end of next week and more will be on their way to him. One of the most important of these, the consolidation of the tax collecting agencies of the State, is scheduled for passage on Monday night.

Prohibition enforcement will be the subject of a conference of Republican Senators and Senator Clayton R. Lusk, majority leader, says that there is no doubt of it being acted upon favorably. So sure of this was he that he declared that there would be no need of turning the conference into a caucus. He thought that the bills would come up for debate in the Senate some time during the week.

The bills have already been reported out of committee in the lower house and will most likely be acted upon in the Assembly before the close of the week.

The repeal of the Daylight Saving law will come up in the Senate during the week and the leaders now declare that the bill will be in the hands of the Governor by Saturday.

Reorganization of the Industrial Commission, another of the Governor's pet measures, will come up for passage in the Assembly, the bill having already been passed in the Senate and transmitted to the lower house this week. Senator Lusk said to-day that notwithstanding reports to the contrary, he was confident that there were enough votes in the Senate to still further favor the measure, and he declared that he would support the bill.

MR HUGHES GREETED  
WARMLY IN COURT

Lawyers, Judges and Spectators  
Congratulate Him on Selection  
as Secretary of State.

Making probably his last appearance in local courts before going to Washington to become Secretary of State, Charles Evans Hughes was given a cordial reception to-day in the United States District Court. He appeared as counsel for the Victor Talking Machine Company, which is being sued for \$500,000 by R. H. Macy & Co. under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

Lawyers, judges and spectators crowded around Mr. Hughes congratulating him. He smiled happily in response.

The Macy Company charges that the Victor Company refuses to supply it with phonograph records for resale, thus violating a patent license agreement and the Sherman Law. Mr. Hughes contended that the Victor Company has a right to sell or refuse to sell to whom it pleases, and that the patent monopoly, upheld by the United States Supreme Court, supercedes the provisions of the Anti-Trust Law.

MILITARY RECORDS  
DESTROYED BY FIRE

Contained Data for a Congressional Investigation; Said They  
Cannot Be Replaced.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—Valuable military records brought to this city a week ago from New York, Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Rochester and other points, to be used in a coming Congressional investigation, were lost during the great fire that swept the United States Ordnance Department Building in this city last night.

The records contained a vast amount of data concerning the cost of material during the war, and it is said it will be impossible to replace them. During the fire thirty-nine firemen were overcome or injured, while thrilling rescues were frequent, as battering rams were brought into play to smash through the heavy walls to get to the records in the blaze within and to bring injured and overcome firemen out.

Legion Urges Palmer to Stop German Mass Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Map General Palmer has been asked by the American Legion to prohibit the mass meeting of Germans called for Monday in New York City. No answer has been given, but it is understood that the Department of Justice does not feel inclined to interfere in a matter that is strictly within the province of the New York police.

HEADACHE FROM SLIGHT COLDS.

GROVER LANSING HAD QUININE TAKEN FOR SLIGHT COLDS AND HEADACHE. HE PASSED THE CRISIS IN HIS ILLNESS AND HIS RECOVERY IS EXPECTED. HIS PHYSICIANS SAID TO-DAY. HE IS FAR FROM BEING OUT OF DANGER, HOWEVER, IT WAS STATED.

## \$1,000,000 BOOZE, SOME POISONED, TO GO INTO SEA

Seized by Customs Officers—  
Part of It Deadly, All  
Must Be Destroyed.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

One hundred thousand bottles of whiskey, wines and other vintages seized by customs inspectors as violators of the prohibition law and valued at nearly \$1,000,000 will be dumped into the sea early next week, it was announced to-day at the offices of Byron R. Newton, Collector of the Port of New York.

This decision was made after a consideration of how to dispose of the whiskey before Collector Newton's retirement March 4, and followed the discovery that much of the seized alcohol was poisonous.

Mr. Newton had intended, it was stated, to give much of it to hospitals and sell the remainder to persons authorized to dispose of it for medicinal purposes. But the discovery that some of the whiskey was poisoned led to a change of his intention. An analysis of the stuff is not practicable, so all of it, the good and the bad, will be thrown into the sea.

Inspectors declare that bootleggers on the waterfront for whom this liquor was intended had made threats against them, accusing them of drinking the seizures, and they believe the poisoned whiskey was intended for their consumption.

In the goods that will be destroyed are many cases of champagne, brandy and cordials brought over by sailors and others in league with bootleggers here.

DRUG SALES TRACED  
TO BRONX, THEY SAY

Federal Agents Believe Trail Has  
Been Opened in Arrest  
of Druggist.

John Baumeister, of No. 433 East 152d Street, the Bronx, was held by United States Commissioner Hitchcock to-day on a charge of violating the Harrison Act, regulating the sale of narcotics. Frank J. Fitzpatrick, Chief of the New York Division of the Federal Narcotic Bureau, and most of his agents were in court. Fitzpatrick said that in the arrest of Baumeister, at his home last night, he believes the trail has been opened through which narcotics find their way into the hands of the jobbers and peddlers of Manhattan.

Baumeister is connected with what is called the Cortlandt Drug Company, of No. 1627 Intervale Avenue, the Bronx. This is ostensibly a wholesale drug concern. Agents say the furniture and stock of the concern consist of one desk, two chairs, a telephone connection and ten barrels of Esopom salts.

The Cortlandt Drug Company is registered with Internal Revenue Collector Irwin of Albany, whose district includes the Bronx. The company has been traced by using order forms issued by the Collector. Orders for more than 4,000 ounces of morphine, cocaine and heroin have been traced to the Cortlandt Drug Company, it is charged. At the price paid by addicts for these drugs this would bring retail receipts of \$400,000.

FORCED TO ROB HIS AUNT.

Youth Says Man Threatened Him  
With Revolver.

Charles Gross, nineteen, pleaded guilty to-day before County Judge Mullin of Brooklyn to attempted grand larceny. Gross was charged with holding up and robbing his aunt, Mrs. Julia Booker, No. 331 Classon Avenue, of \$20. Gross told Judge Mullin that he was forced to do this by a man who threatened him with a revolver if he did not commit the robbery.

Gross gave the name of the man he said was implicated in the case, and Judge Mullin issued a warrant for his arrest.

Boisheviki Agree to Occupy Tiflis.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 25.—Tiflis, capital of the Republic of Georgia, is again in the hands of the Bolsheviks, according to reports received here to-day. The Soviet forces which were repulsed by the Georgian army, but were expelled by the Georgians, are now said to be re-entering the city.

DRAWS \$3,500 A DAY  
FOR HIS SERVICES  
AS CONGRESSMAN

Representative Farr of Scranton,  
Pa., Is Seated in Last Week  
of Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.

JOHN R. FARR, Republican, of Scranton, Pa., took his seat in the House to-day as Representative of the 19th Pennsylvania District at the result of action by the House last night in voting to unseat Patrick McLane, also of Scranton, who has held his seat throughout the present Congress.

Mr. Farr will draw \$3,500 salary and incidental expenses. He was sworn in just before midnight.

The princely remuneration that goes with Representative Farr's six days of service, approximating a rate of \$500 a day, results from a computation of salary and incidental allowances to cover the entire two-year period of the Congress to which he was elected.

McLane also has drawn pay for the entire two years, lacking six days.

## \$60,000 AWARDED BOY ACTOR, AGED 9, HURT IN ELEVATOR

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WOMAN IS KILLED,  
EIGHT PERSONS HURT  
IN SPECTACULAR FIRES

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3281 Myrtle Avenue, who was passing, ascended the ladder after Ferber. Ferber found Christina and Mary trying to escape the fire by covering themselves up in bed. The rooms were in flames. Ferber passed the girls out to O'Connor, standing on the ladder, who carried them to safety. Mary was badly burned on the hands, face and chest. Christina also was badly burned and suffered from inhaling fire and smoke. The girls are in the Holy Family Hospital.

The fire started in a first floor hallway and cut off all escape by the stairs. The building was completely destroyed.

The Nassau Street blaze went through the roof and reached a water tank from which the firemen were obtaining part of their water supply. As a result the water was boiling when it left the fire hose nozzle and firemen Harry Engelholz and Thomas Lahey were badly burned. They were attended by Dr. Harry M. Archer, Honorary Deputy Chief, and sent to quarters.

The blaze was one of the most spectacular in the downtown district in many months, and drew a large crowd. It seemed to have started in a suite of rooms back of the rooms of Dr. F. J. Woodworth, a dentist, on the second floor of No. 79 Nassau Street. The six-story building was filled with small offices of manufacturing jewelers, as is that next door at No. 81.

The \$75,000 estimated loss is on the buildings, and does not include possible loss in stock by the jewelers whose shops are in the buildings. It is believed their valuables, however, were in their fireproof safes and will be found intact when they take inventory to-day.

Mrs. Mary Vahey, sixty-five years old, who lived alone on the first floor of a tenement house at No. 1131 First Avenue, was suffocated by smoke last night during a fire in her apartment. Damage estimated at \$10,000 was caused by fire which early this morning swept through a two-story brick building at 145th Street and Southern Boulevard, the Bronx. The second floor of the building, where the fire is believed to have started, was occupied by the Ruston Manufacturing Company, and the ground floor by the Woodcraft Equipment Company.

A large throng gathered at the front of the building, 58th Street and Eighth Avenue, last night to watch Pat Kynes, the manager, and several waiters fight a blaze which partially destroyed the large electric sign in front of the establishment. Diners left their tables, but none were alarmed.

ARGUE GLUCOSE CASES.

Counsel Urges That State Court  
Has No Jurisdiction.

Arguments were heard to-day by Supreme Court Justice Wagner on a motion to dismiss, after inspection of the minutes of the Grand Jury, indictments found last June against Charles F. Murphy, Arthur J. Baldwin, Ernest J. Quinn, John A. McCarthy, Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith and the Corn Products Refining Company. It is charged that they conspired to defraud Louis F. Harbo to pay Murphy \$175,000 profits made by a glucose manufacturing concern and to hide such profits from the Federal Government for the purpose of evading Federal taxes.

Martin Conboy, counsel for the accused, argued that there was no proof of conspiracy and that a State court lacks jurisdiction. Decision was reserved.

Champ Clark Passes Crisis in Illness.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (United Press).—Champ Clark, Democratic Leader of the House, has successfully passed the crisis in his illness and his recovery is expected. His physicians said to-day. He is far from being out of danger, however, it was stated.

## FRANCE PREPARES SWIFT REVENGE IF GERMANS FAIL

Marshal Foch Hurries to London  
to See Briand and  
British Staff.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—All indications here to-day are that France is planning a swift armed invasion of Germany in case the Berlin envoys to the forthcoming conference carry out their threat of flatly rejecting the reparations demands of the Allies.

In support of this it is announced that Marshal Foch will arrive here to-day to consult with Premier Briand and Sir Henry Wilson, Chief of the British Staff. In conjunction with this, attention is called to an authorized interview with Briand, in which he said:

"France made all possible sacrifices in the Paris agreement, but she will listen without prejudice if Germany has proposals to make concerning methods of payment. And France will accept them if they are reasonable."

"But if Germany comes moaning that she has nothing in her purse then that purse will be opened, forcibly, if necessary, to see whether it is empty, or otherwise it will be recognized as a fact in international life that a people may attack, pillage and burn and, if arrested, simply say 'We are very sorry that we are not in a position to pay.'"

Evidences multiply that France is preparing to move speedily in case the conference of the Premiers which is near at hand results in disappointment to the Paris Government. Councils similar to those of actual war have been held at Paris and instructions issued to the military forces to be ready to move. Great efforts have been made to increase enlistments in the air service and officers of colonial regiments have been recalled from leave.

Regular soldiers who have been employed in guarding public buildings have been replaced by members of the Republican Guard.

MACNICHOL'S WIFE  
IS HIS GUARDIAN

Mental Derangement of Writer Disclosed in Action to Get Compensation From Government.

Mrs. Louise Mac Nichol, No. 15 East Park Street, Newark, was to-day appointed guardian for her husband, Kenneth H. Mac Nichol, former short story writer, and member of the staff of the "Stars and Stripes." Mac Nichol is now in a Government sanitarium at West Mead, N. J., suffering from mental derangement. The Government, she said, refused to pay her the compensation of \$80 a month, because she was not his guardian.

Mrs. Mac Nichol asserted on the stand that her husband worried about an affair he had with a French girl, to whom a child was born. When Mrs. Mac Nichol heard of the affair from her husband, she had him send for the girl and the child. The immigration authorities refused to allow the girl to enter the country, but Mrs. Mac Nichol adopted the child, she said. Three months later the mother begged to have the child back, saying she could not live without it, whereupon Mrs. Mac Nichol returned it to her.

FREIGHTER ASHORE  
ON LONG ISLAND

Texarkana, Shipping Board Vessel,  
Will Be Floated at High Tide,  
Says Message.

The Shipping Board freighter Texarkana, ashore between Long Beach and Fire Island, will be floated off at high tide, probably about 10 o'clock to-night, according to a wireless message received this afternoon from the Coast Guard Cutter Gresham, which reported she was standing by.

The Texarkana was reported to be resting easily and in no danger.

The freighter is 3,710 net tons and carries a crew of forty men. She was built for Bremen, Germany, for Norfolk, Va., when wireless orders from the Shipping Board diverted her course for New York.

MORGUE DISSECTION INQUIRY

Color to Determine If There Be  
Improperity in Franchise.

The dissection of cadavers at the Morgue by private medical students, under the instruction of Dr. John McAllister, of No. 43 West 48th Street, is to be investigated by Commissioner of Public Welfare Color to determine whether there be any impropriety in the practice. Although the law provides that unclaimed bodies which are not required by law to be interred must be delivered to recognized medical colleges for purposes of education, cadavers are alleged to have been turned over to Dr. McAllister for dissection in the Morgue.

Health Commissioner Copeland admitted that Dr. McAllister had no right to do what he is doing at the Morgue, but the Superintendent of the Morgue, Michael J. Rickard, said that permission to receive the bodies was given to Dr. McAllister by Dr. Copeland in 1915 when the latter was Dean of the Homeopathic Medical College, Flower Hospital, and Assistant Deputy under Commissioner Color.

## REED PROTESTS AGAINST PLACING HOOVER IN CABINET

Sends Long Telegram to President-  
Elect Harding and Will  
Speak in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Senator Reed of Missouri to-day wired a formal protest to President-elect Harding against appointment of Herbert C. Hoover to the Cabinet. Senator Reed sent a long telegram, the details of which he declined to make public.

Asked whether he planned to fight Hoover's confirmation in the Senate, Reed said he had not made up his mind. He plans to discuss the appointment fully when Mr. Hoover's name is sent in regardless of whether he wages a fight with help of other Senators or not.

Mr. Hoover, who is in Washington to-day, refused to comment on the action of Senator Reed.

Mr. Hoover had a conference with Secretary of Commerce Alexander to find out just what he will have to do to make effective his program of reorganization of the department when he takes it over.

"I am here to study the department carefully and find out everything I can about it," he said. "I will go about the divisions as thoroughly as possible and assimilate as many details as I can to-day and to-morrow. I want to work out as much as I can before I come back for the inauguration. I won't try to go South and confer with President-elect Harding. I've got to put in every minute at New York getting my affairs in shape for this job."

TROLLEY BANDITS  
CONFESS RAID ON  
BALTIUSOL CLUB

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machinery of the Union County Safety Committee was put in motion. All roads in the county were patrolled until Hopkins reported he had followed the trail on the bloodstained snow to the home of John Krebs, a peddler on Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, a mile and a half from the scene of the hold-up.

Assisted by the Kenilworth police Hopkins searched the house. In bed he found Carl Krebs, twenty-five, a brother of John, with a deep wound on his chest. In the cellar the police found the logs of John Krebs and Martin Sharning of Roseville Park sticking from under a woodpile and dragged them out.

Carl Krebs was taken to the Elizabeth General Hospital, a prisoner. Justice Grippio, in Kenilworth, held all three for examination.

WILSON APPROVES  
RAILWAY MEASURE

Authorizes Payment to Roads of  
Part of Money That Is  
Due to Them.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Wilson to-day approved the Winslow Bill allowing immediate payment to railroads of part of the funds due the Government under the clause of the Esch-Cummings Transportation Act.

The bill was passed by Congress because of a Treasury ruling that the roads could not get the funds until a final accounting had been had with the Government. Railroad officials said this might take several years and that they needed money immediately.

The amount which the railroads will collect has been estimated at about \$60,000,000. They will not get all this immediately.

THROAT CUT IN ROOM  
OF N. J. COURT CLERK

Jersey City Police Find Man  
Dying With Jersey City  
Official Present.

Julius Kesteno, manager of the Court House Hotel, No. 596 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, heard a scuffle and then a scream to-day in the room occupied by Charles Dolan, clerk of the Special Sessions Court of Hudson County. Kesteno got no response to knocks on the locked door and sent for police reserves, who smashed in the door.

A man who said he was Edward Ryan, twenty-five, No. 119 Hudson Street, Jersey City, was lying almost unconscious from stab wounds. His neck, face and scalp had been slashed and two fingers were severed. He was in a daze, but he said he was a stranger in the room. The stranger fled, but the police have his description. Dolan has made no statement to clear up the mystery. There have been no arrests.

FUSILIERS DEFEAT  
IRISH REPUBLICANS

DUBLIN, Feb. 25.—An Irish Republican force was defeated by a patrol of Royal Fusiliers in renewed fighting in the Macroom district to-day. It was officially announced at Dublin Castle.

"French engagements have occurred near Macroom," the statement said. "A patrol of Royal Fusiliers battled with fifty armed men at a stream crossing near Ballinacorney Mountain. The armed men broke and fled across the country as the Fusiliers crossed the boundary. The Sinn Féin garrisoned the boggy ground and forced the military to abandon pursuit."

Two civilians were killed and one taken prisoner.

## ONE COURT TO TRY ALL CITY OFFICIALS WHO ARE SUSPECTED

There Is Quite a Crowd of  
Them—Judge Crain Sug-  
gests Special Term.

Judge T. C. Crain proposed to the Judges of General Sessions to-day a modification of the court rules by which a special term shall be set aside for the trial of city officials under indictment. Judge Crain asserts that the city suffers by retaining these men on its rolls while their guilt or innocence is in doubt, and their cases should be expedited.

The only exception to this argument is the case of Col. Augustus Drum Porter, former Third Assistant Police Commissioner, whose second trial for neglect of duty has been hanging fire for more than a year.

The others under indictment are Commissioner of Accounts David Hirschfeld, for criminal libel; Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith for conspiracy with Charles F. Murphy and others in connection with the Herzog glucose litigation; Assistant District Attorney E. P. Kilroe for conspiracy and compounding a felony in connection with a divorce case; Policemen Trusson, Maloney and Franklin in connection with charges of protected vice; Chief Inspector Lahey, Capt. W. A. Bailey and Percy M. Dubois, Detective Martin Owens and seven other members of the Automobile Squad for accepting illegal fees; Policemen Flood and O'Brien for murder and Fireman John J. Kelly for accepting illegal fees to procure violation of the civil service rules.

The effect of the decree has been to stifle all competition in the sugar market. The New York Sugar Exchange has practically ceased to function. An open market has been completely destroyed. Not only is an independent refiner or broker unable to secure sugar from Cuba except with the sanction of the commission.

The decree states that "the commission may appoint delegates at the different shipping ports and no steamer transporting sugar may be despatched unless its cargo is authorized by a certificate or other similar document issued by the commission. The Secretary of the Treasury and the Custom House Administrators shall be responsible for what is herein set forth."

All Cuban sugar is consigned to the New York sub-committee. The New York committee allows the sugar to manufacturers and refiners, and fixes the price at which it is obtainable. Against a recent price of 3 1/2 cents a pound the New York committee yesterday named a price of 4 1/2 cents for 100,000 tons just received for allotment. This advance over the recent low price of 3 1/2 cents represents an increased cost of \$138,000,000 to consumers.

MAJOR GAYNOR'S  
DAUGHTER IN FIRE

Escapes From Worcester, Mass.,  
House Unharmed With Her  
Husband, John Rennard.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 25.—A fire of unknown origin to-day at Main and May Streets, caused a loss of \$100,000. It destroyed the three-story lodging house of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hogan, a damper a series of stores and threatened the lives